

## IN MEMORIAM

DR. ANNIE I. DUNLOP, O.B.E., M.A., D.Litt., Ph.D.

By the death on 23rd March 1973 of Dr. Annie I. Dunlop, who had held the office of honorary president since 1956, this society lost a most distinguished member. Her many writings on Scottish history, including contributions to our own *Records*, remain as a testimony to her scholarship and erudition which was best exemplified in two St. Andrews University publications—the *Life and Times of James Kennedy, bishop of St. Andrews* and the *Acta Facultatis Artium Universitatis S. Andree*. It is, however, for her life times research in the Vatican archives in which, interrupted only by the war, she worked with unfailing regularity for over thirty years that Mrs. Dunlop's name will be best remembered at home and abroad. As a result of her labours she published material from various collections within these archives but eventually concentrated almost solely on the hitherto unexploited Registers of Supplications on which her palaeographical skill was exploited to the full. From these Registers emerged three volumes of Scottish entries covering the period 1418-32, but she left behind many more manuscript volumes which through her generosity are available for consultation at Glasgow University to which she presented her invaluable notes covering the years up to 1479. This work of a lifetime was freely shared with fresh generations of younger Scottish historians whom she was always willing to aid and assist, and several of whom under the direction of Glasgow University are now completing her self-appointed task of extracting all pre-Reformation Scottish entries from the Vatican archives. Her zeal was recognised by Pope Paul VI who conferred upon Dr Dunlop, shortly before her death, the *Bene Merenti* medal for her services to scholarship. This award coupled with the distinctions bestowed upon her at home were the hall-marks of a truly international scholar. It is undoubtedly through her scholarship that future generations of historians will honour her name, but to those who were privileged to know her personally, the qualities which often overshadowed her learning—those of gentleness, kindness and ever readiness to assist will also remain as abiding memories of a member who will be much missed by this society.

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